In the specification:

(\*Further clarifying changes made by the May 20, 2005 Amendment)

\*Column 1, line 19, after the section entitled "Related Application Data" and before the section entitled "Background and Summary of the Invention", please delete the paragraph as follows:

## REFERENCE TO COMPUTER PROGRAM LISTING

The file of this patent includes duplicate copies of a compact disc with a file entitled "Appendix B.txt", having a size of 375,829 bytes (376,832 bytes on disc). While the file on the compact discs was created or burned to the discs on January 27, 2004, the commented source code listing in the file consists of the same material that was originally filed with application no. 08/649,419 in hard copy form (i.e., Appendix B). The material on the compact discs is hereby incorporated by reference.

\*At column 90, line 61, after the paragraph ending with "A lightbulb is one suitable logo."

please delete the next paragraph as follows:

## Appendix B

A software version of a steganographic marking/decoding "plug-in" for use with Adobe Photoshop software, presented as commented source code, is included in the file of this patent on a compact disc in a file named Appendix B.txt, which is incorporated by reference. The code was written for compilation with Microsoft's Visual C++ compiler, version 4.0, and can be understood by those skilled in the art.

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\*At column 94, lines 13-19, please delete the paragraph as follows (this paragraph has not been modified previously in this reissue application):

In the Appendix B software, the program SIGN\_PUBLIC.CPP effects encoding of an image using a signature block/sub-block/bit cell arrangement like that detailed above. As of this writing, the corresponding decoding software has not yet been written, but its operation is straightforward given the foregoing discussion and the details in the SIGN-PUBLIC.CPP software.